WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A system for permitting a user to access data on a legacy system and an intranet, comprising:

5   a computer operable by the user to access information stored on the legacy system; and

         a systems interface coupled to the legacy system,

         wherein the systems interface comprises at least one network address that can be accessed by the computer,

10   wherein the systems interface comprises a first server for managing protocol regarding the computer and a second server for generating transactions regarding the legacy systems, and

         wherein the systems interface is adapted to route communications from the computer from the at least one network address to a separate network

15   address corresponding to the intranet upon detecting that the user has launched a browser on the computer.

2.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer communicates with the systems interface over a wireline communications network.

3.   The system of claim 1, wherein the computer communicates with the

20   systems interface over a wireless communications network.

4.   The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one network address comprises a first IP address corresponding to the first server and a second IP

address corresponding to the second server, and wherein the separate network address comprises a third IP address.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the systems interface detects that the user has launched a browser by receiving a message from the computer.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the systems interface detects that the user has launched a browser by receiving a request to transfer to the separate network address corresponding to the intranet.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein communications from the computer are routed from the systems interface to the intranet comprises the second server sending a command to the first server to route the computer to the separate network address.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer is running application-specific client software to enable the computer to access the information from the legacy system, wherein the computer is logged onto the systems interface using the application-specific client software, and wherein, following the routing, the computer remains logged onto the systems interface and the application-specific client software remains an active application.

9. A system for permitting a user to access data, comprising:

a computer operable by the user to access information from a legacy system; and

means for providing an interface between the computer and the legacy system, the means having at least a first network address,

wherein the means for providing an interface is adapted to route communications from the computer from the first network address to a second network address providing access to an intranet in response to the user launching a browser.

5   10.   The system of claim 9, wherein the computer communicates with the means for providing an interface over a wireline communications network.

11.   The system of claim 9, wherein the computer communicates with the means for providing an interface over a wireless communications network.

12.   The system of claim 9, wherein the means for providing an interface

10   comprises at least one protocol server and at least one transaction server, wherein the at least one protocol server provides an interface between the computer and the at least one transaction server, and wherein the at least one transaction server receives requests and generates legacy system transactions.

13.   The system of claim 12, wherein the means for providing an interface

15   issues at least one command in response to detecting that the user has launched the browser, wherein the at least one command causes the at least one protocol server to route communications from the computer from the first network address to the second network address.

14.   A method for accessing data, comprising:

20   logging a computer onto a systems interface that permits remote access of legacy data;

accessing the systems interface at a first network address;

launching a browser, wherein the browser is launched by a user of the computer; and

accessing an intranet at a separate network address.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the computer is logged onto the systems interface over a wireline communications network.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the computer is logged onto the systems interface over a wireless communications network.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein the systems interface comprises a first server and a second server, wherein the first server provides an interface between the computer and the second server, wherein the first server has the first network address, wherein the second server is adapted to receive requests and generate legacy transactions, and wherein the second server has a second network address.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the computer is logged onto the first server.

19. A method for permitting a user to access data, comprising:

authenticating a computer attempting to log onto a systems interface to legacy systems;

providing access to the systems interface, the systems interface corresponding to at least one network address;

detecting an attempt to access an intranet, wherein the attempt comprises a user launching a browser;

determining whether to grant the computer access to the intranet; and

routing communications from the computer from the systems interface

to a separate network address corresponding to the intranet.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the systems interface comprises a first

5   server having a first network address and a second server having a second

network address, wherein the first server provides a protocol interface between

the computer and the second server, and wherein the second server processes

requests and generates legacy transactions.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein the step of determining comprises

10   confirming that a user of the computer is logged into the systems interface.

22. A system for permitting a user to access data, comprising:

a computer employed by the user to access information from legacy

systems, wherein the computer executes application-specific client software to

access the information from legacy systems, wherein the computer includes a

15   browser that can be launched by the user to initiate an attempt to access an

intranet at a separate network address; and

a systems interface to the legacy systems, the systems interface

including a protocol server and a transaction server, the protocol server having

a first network address and the transaction server having a second network

20   address, wherein the protocol server is adapted to determine whether to grant

the user access to the intranet in response to detecting that the user has

launched the browser, and wherein the protocol server is capable of issuing at

least one message to cause communications from the computer to be routed

from the first network address to the separate network address when access is

granted, and wherein the application-specific client software remains an active

application after access to the intranet is granted.